

Educational Resources

- ◆ Olympic College Veteran & Military Support Center; 1600 Chester Avenue, Engineering Building, Room 100, Bremerton WA; provides support services: admissions, eBenefits, Web TA, advising appointments, and referrals. vetcenter@olympic.edu; 360-473-2821

Legal Assistance

- ◆ Kitsap Legal Services; 920 Park Ave., Bremerton WA; 360-479-6125
- ◆ NW Justice Project; 1-855-NJP-VETS (855-657-8387)

Free Meals ~ please call for schedule

- ◆ Salvation Army; 832 6th Street, Bremerton WA; 360-373-5550
- ◆ Kitsap Rescue Mission; 810 6th Str., Bremerton WA; 360-373-3428
- ◆ The Lord's Neighborhood Diner; St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 700 Callahan Dr., Bremerton WA; 360-377-2915
- ◆ Thursday's Child; Sylvan Way Baptist Church, 900 Sylvan Way, Bremerton WA; 360-698-3219
- ◆ God's Kitchen; Family of God Lutheran Church, 7625 Central Valley Rd., Bremerton WA; 360-692-7729
- ◆ Joy of Freedom; Westgate Fire Hall, 1550 Rocky Pt. Rd., Bremerton WA; 253-851-0339
- ◆ Family Church of God Pentecostal, 1003 5th St., Bremerton WA; 360-782-1199
- ◆ Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1015 Veneta Ave., Bremerton WA; 360-479-6374
- ◆ TLC Dinner; New Life Assembly, 1003 5th Ave., Bremerton WA; 360-377-7292
- ◆ South Kitsap Family Kitchen; 1st Lutheran Community Church, 2483 Mitchell Rd., Port Orchard WA; 360- 876-3901
- ◆ Care Kitchen; Christian Life Center, 1780 SE Lincoln Ave., Port Orchard WA; 360-876-5595
- ◆ Hearty Meals; Silverdale Lutheran Church, 11701 Ridgpoint Dr., Silverdale WA; 360-692-9263

Veterans may come from different walks of life, but they share several fundamental qualities: courage, pride, determination, selflessness, and dedication to service.

Additional Information & Resources

- ⇒ U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; <http://www.va.gov/>; <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage>
 - ◆ Benefits: 1-800-827-1000
 - ◆ Health Care Benefits: 1-877-222-8387
 - ◆ Women Veterans Hotline: 1-855-VA-WOMEN (829-6636)
- ⇒ Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs; <http://www.dva.wa.gov/>; 1102 Quince St SE, Olympia WA; 360-725-2200; Benefits 1-800-562-2308
- ⇒ Department of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training Service; <http://www.dol.gov/vets/#>; WA State: Gregory Mercer; mercer.gregory@dol.gov; 360-570-6973
- ⇒ Kitsap County Dept. of Human Services; Kitsap County Veterans Assistance Program Coordinator; sjames@co.kitsap.wa.us; 360.337.4811; <http://www.kitsapgov.com/hs/veterans/VA.htm>
- ⇒ Kitsap Rescue Mission, Veterans Advocate, 810 6th Str., Bremerton WA; va@kitsaprescue.org; 360-373-3428

Kitsap County Veterans Advisory Board Mission Statement

The purpose and establishment of the Veterans Advisory Board is to advise the board of county commissioners on the needs of local indigent veterans, the resources available to local indigent veterans, and programs that could benefit the needs of local indigent veterans and their families.

Board meetings are open to the public. For more information, please call 360-337-4811/7185 or visit:

<http://www.kitsapgov.com/hs/veterans/meetinginfo.htm>

May we renew our resolve to always seek the wisdom, courage, and strength to preserve and protect the freedom veterans were called to protect and defend.



KITSAP COUNTY

Veteran Community Resources



Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause. ~ Abraham Lincoln

Kitsap County Veterans Assistance Fund

For eligible veterans, temporary emergency assistance is available for, but not limited to rent, utilities, transition (clean & sober) housing, food, transportation, medical & prescriptions, auto repair, and clothing. 360.337.4811

Women Veteran Issues; Staffed by female veterans; 360.865.0967

Your local Veterans Service Officer can assist you in determining eligibility and completing the application ~ plus help with V.A. claims.

Bainbridge Island; *Helpline House;* 282 Knechtel Way NE; Hours: Mon. thru Fri. 9 am-5 pm; 206.842.7621 for appointment

Bremerton; *DAV, Chapter 5;* 4980 Auto Center Way; 360.373.2397; Mon. thru Wed., 9 am- 2 pm; Ask for service officer

Port Orchard; *VFW Post 2669;* 736 Bay Street; 360.876.2669; Tues. 12-4 pm; Ask for service officer

Poulsbo; *American Legion Post 245;* 19068 Jensen Way; 360.779.5456; Thursday, 10 am-3 pm

Silverdale/Central Kitsap County; *VFW 4992* 9981 Central Valley Road; 360.698.9177 for appointment

Suquamish; *Suquamish Tribe Veterans Office;* 18490 Suquamish Way NE; Tues., Wed. 10 am-2 pm; 360.394.8515 for appointment
Suquamish Warriors Vets Center; 6353 NE Middle Street; 360.626.1080; Thursday, 9 am-1pm

For more information and application, please visit:

<https://www.kitsapgov.com/hs/Pages/VAB-LANDING.aspx>

Employment Assistance

- ◆ WorkSource; 3120 Randall Way, Silverdale WA; ask for veteran employment specialist: 360.516.1001 opt. 4
- ◆ Kitsap Community Resources; 845 8th St., Bremerton WA; 360-473-2118
- ◆ Goodwill Job Training and Education Center; 10001 Mickelberry Rd. NW, Silverdale WA; 360-698-6776

Thank you veterans!

The highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them. ~ John F. Kennedy.

Dental Assistance

- ◆ Kitsap County Veterans Assistance Fund; 360-337-4811/7185
- ◆ Peninsula Community Health Services; Sixth Street Bremerton Dental Clinic; sliding scale fee & Medicaid enrolled adults; 616 6th Street, Bremerton WA; 360-478-2368
- ◆ Kitsap Veterans' Stand Down (spring and fall); limited free services; 360-337-4811/7185

Medical Assistance

Veterans Crisis Line: 800-273-TALK (8255)

- ◆ VA Puget Sound Health Care System; Seattle Division, 1660 South Columbian Way, Seattle WA; 206-762-1010, 800-329-8387; American Lake Division, 9600 Veterans Drive, Tacoma WA; 253-582-8440, 800-329-8387
- ◆ V.A. Community Based Outpatient Clinic; 925 Adele Ave, Bremerton, WA; 360-782-0129
- ◆ VA Puget Sound Women's Health; American Lake Division, 253-583-1444; Seattle Division, 206-768-5314
- ◆ Peninsula Community Health Services; locations in Bremerton, Port Orchard, and Poulsbo; 360-377-3776, appointment line; 360-475-3729 extended hours line; 866-418-1002 24/7 nurse advice hotline
- ◆ Kitsap Sexual Assault Center; 600 Kitsap St., Port Orchard WA; 360-479-1788

Utilities Assistance

- ◆ Kitsap County Veterans Assistance Fund; 360-337-4811
- ◆ Kitsap Community Resources; 1201 Park Avenue, Bremerton WA; 360-377-0053
- ◆ Salvation Army; 832 6th Street, Bremerton WA; 360-373-5550
- ◆ St. Vincent De Paul; Port Orchard residents; 360-876-6933, appointments
- ◆ St. Vincent De Paul; Bremerton School District residents; 1137 N. Callow, Bremerton WA; 360-479-7017 ext. 2

Clothing Assistance

- ◆ Abraham's House; 1st, 3rd, 4th Saturdays each month; N. Callow Ave, Bremerton WA; 360-405-0488
- ◆ Salvation Army; M-W-F, 1:30-3:30; 832 6th Street, Bremerton WA; 360-373-5550
- ◆ Kitsap Rescue Mission; M-W-F, 1-3:30 pm; 810 6th Str., Bremerton WA; 360-373-3428

Housing/Rental Assistance

- ◆ VHOG/Veterans Housing Option Group; Monday, 1 pm (except holidays); Kitsap Community Resources; 1201 Park Ave., Bremerton WA; 253-583-2825
- ◆ Kitsap County Veterans Assistance Fund; 360-337-4811/7185
- ◆ Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF); Catholic Community Services, 645 4th Str., Suite 202A, Bremerton WA; 253-471-5340
- ◆ Housing Solutions Center; 1201 Park Ave., Bremerton WA; (360) 473-2035

Emergency Shelter

- ◆ Housing Solutions Center; 1201 Park Ave., Bremerton WA; (360) 473-2035
- ◆ Kitsap Community Resources; 3200 SE Rainshadow Ct., Port Orchard WA; 360-473-2102
- ◆ North Kitsap Fishline; 787 Liberty Lane NW, Poulsbo WA; 360-930-0075

Emergency After-Hours ~ If you experience a housing crisis after hours Monday – Friday, 8:00 – 4:30, please call the Crisis Clinic at (360)479-3033.

Food Assistance

Kitsap County Food Bank Coalition:

- ◆ Bremerton Foodline; 1600 12th Street, Bremerton WA; 360-479-6188
- ◆ Salvation Army Food Bank; 832 6th Street, Bremerton WA; 360-373-5550
- ◆ St. Vincent De Paul; Bremerton School District residents; 1137 N. Callow, Bremerton WA; 360-479-7017 ext. 2
- ◆ South Kitsap Helpline; 1012 Mitchell Avenue, Port Orchard WA; 360-876-4089
- ◆ Helpline House; 282 Knechtel Way NE, Bainbridge Island WA; 206-842-7621
- ◆ North Kitsap Fishline; 737 NW Liberty Rd., Poulsbo WA; 360-779-5190
- ◆ ShareNet Food Bank; 26061 United Rd. NE, Kingston WA; 360-297-2266
- ◆ Central Kitsap Food Bank; 3537 NW Anderson Hill Rd., Silverdale WA; 360-692-9818

How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-ros!

~ Maya Angelou